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Sir:

Applicant requests consideration of ☒ the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or ☐ the additional information identified below in paragraph 3.

- ☒ Pursuant to CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of the cited U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed.
- ☐ A copy of each non-U.S. patent and/or non-U.S. patent application publication reference listed on the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed.
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- a. ☐ within 3 months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d);

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- ☐ before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits; or
- ☐ before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114.
- b. ☒ after the events of above paragraph 1a and prior to the mailing date of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, and thus: ☐ the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, or ☒ a fee of \$180.00 is enclosed.
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- ☐ reference is made to an English language translation submitted herewith, and/or
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- ☐ reference is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page(s) _____, and/or
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5. ☐ Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:
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	A1	2006-0004709	06-07-2004	Borthakur			
	A2	2004-0186857	03-18-2003	Serlet			
	A3	6,799,184	09-28-2004	Bhatt			
	A4	6,842,758	01-11-2005	Bogrett			
	A5	6,976,241	12-13-2005	Cruz			
	A6	5,623,657	04-22-1997	Conner			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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